

Amendment to the Claims

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49. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method for facilitating play of a wagering game on a gaming device, comprising:

prior to allowing play of a wagering game with a particular feature and via a processor of a device operable to facilitate the wagering game, determining whether an authorization code for enabling play of the wagering game with the particular feature has been received from a regulatory authority;

verifying, via the processor, an expiration condition for the authorization code;
and

only if the expiration condition has not yet been met, allowing play of the wagering game with the particular feature.

50. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 49, wherein the expiration condition is a date on which the authorization code is no longer valid.

51. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 49, wherein the expiration condition is a maximum number of plays of the wagering game for which the authorization code is valid.

52. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 49, wherein the expiration condition is a maximum sum of wagers for which the authorization code is valid.

53. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)The method of claim 49, further comprising:
prior to allowing play of the wagering game, confirming via the processor that an authorization code disallowing play of the wagering game with the particular feature has not been received from the regulatory authority.

54. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 49, further comprising:
updating, via the processor, data corresponding to the expiration condition after
allowing play of the wagering game.
55. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 54, wherein updating
data comprises updating the sum of wagers placed on the wagering game based on a
wager currently placed on the wagering game.
56. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 54, wherein updating
data comprises updating a number of plays of the wagering game played based on a
current play of the wagering game.
57. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 49, further comprising:
requesting, via the processor, a new authorization code from the regulatory
authority if the expiration condition has been met.
58. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 49, further comprising:
purchasing the authorization code from the regulatory authority.
59. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method for facilitating play of a wagering
game on a gaming device, comprising:
prior to allowing play of a wagering game on a particular gaming device,
determining via a processor of a device operable to facilitate the wagering game whether
an authorization code for enabling play of the wagering game on the particular gaming
device has been received from a regulatory authority;
verifying, via the processor, an expiration condition for the authorization code;
and
only if the expiration condition has not yet been met, allowing play of the
wagering game on the particular gaming device.

60. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 59, wherein the expiration condition is a date on which the authorization code is no longer valid.
61. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 59, wherein the expiration condition is a maximum number of plays of the wagering game for which the authorization code is valid.
62. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 59, wherein the expiration condition is a maximum sum of wagers for which the authorization code is valid.
63. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 59, further comprising:
prior to allowing play of the wagering game, confirming via the processor that an authorization code disallowing play of the wagering game on the particular gaming device has not been received from the regulatory authority.
64. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 59, further comprising:
updating, via the processor, data corresponding to the expiration condition after allowing play of the wagering game.
65. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 64, wherein updating data comprises updating the sum of wagers placed on the wagering game based on a wager currently placed on the wagering game.
66. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 64, wherein updating data comprises updating a number of plays of the wagering game played based on a current play of the wagering game.
67. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 59, further comprising:
requesting, via the processor, a new authorization code from the regulatory authority if the expiration condition has been met.

68. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 59, further comprising:
purchasing the authorization code from the regulatory authority.
69. (CANCELLED)